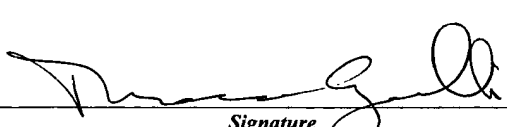
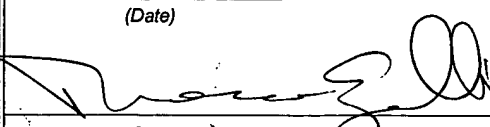


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<b>AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>14821</b>	
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Invention: <b>ENDOSCOPE CONTAINER FOR HIGH-SPEED STEAM STERILIZATION</b>					
<u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u>					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
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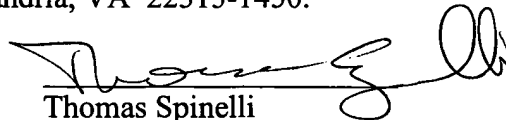
In response to the Official Action dated August 11, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in light of the following amendments and remarks:

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